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**Subject:** California Senators Call for EPA Probe - From Politico's Morning Energy

**From Politico's Morning Energy:**

**CALIFORNIA SENATORS CALL FOR EPA PROBE:** Two former San Francisco city officials turned United States senators, Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, want EPA's inspector general to investigate why the agency cited San Francisco for Clean Water Act violations only after Trump criticized the city's handling of waste from homeless people. In their letter to acting IG Charles Sheehan, the Democratic senators write that regional EPA staff didn't know about Administrator Andrew Wheeler's letter raising concerns about the water system in advance, and had actually approved bacteria standards off San Francisco Bay beaches in 2017, undercutting Wheeler's accusations.

**They call on Sheehan to probe why the agency** "abruptly reversed course in Administrator Wheeler's letter and alleged water quality violations that are contradicted by the agency's own reasoned findings in recent permit approvals for San Francisco."

**Letter:** [https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/\\_cache/files/3/5/3584a2bd-ce0d-4c87-9ffb-6dc013675bb7/A1785A4075E2B0970E5EC6E5D52DB15F.2019.10.03-epa-ig-letter.pdf](https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/3/5/3584a2bd-ce0d-4c87-9ffb-6dc013675bb7/A1785A4075E2B0970E5EC6E5D52DB15F.2019.10.03-epa-ig-letter.pdf)

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